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SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs has been sanctioned to extend electric supply in Payyanur Block Development area and, if so, what steps have the Government taken to extend supply of power there? If the amount has lapsed, how do the Government propose to utilize that amount?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : This has no connexion with the main question.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the Pattambi area is contiguous and very near to the Shoranur area. In view of the fact that the representatives of the area have waited on deputation and submitted a memorandum to the Government, will the Hon. Minister examine the memorandum and see that power is supplied to the Pattambi area before the reorganization of the States?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Certainly, it will be examined and considered.

Refresher courses on traffic regulations and first-aids

*215 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme of giving refresher courses on traffic regulations and first-aids to (*a*) drivers and (*b*) conductors of motor vehicles under—

(i) Government Transport Service; and

(ii) other services run by private bodies?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : A scheme to provide refresher courses for drivers and other workers in the Madras State Transport Department who require training has been sanctioned by the Government in 1953, and is being continued. During the refresher course, drivers are given instructions relating to Highway Code, rules of the roads, etc. There is no refresher course for conductors, but candidates provisionally selected are given necessary training in training classes before they are appointed as conductors.

There is no information whether refresher courses on traffic regulations are conducted for drivers and conductors in the transport services of private operators.

There is also no scheme for giving training in First Aid to drivers and conductors in the Madras State Transport Department and in transport services run by private operators.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know whether there is any training centre or any refresher course centre in Malabar district and, if so, where the centre is?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Not run by the Government, at any rate.

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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : There may be some training centre for imparting instructions about traffic rules to the drivers and the conductors and there may also be some centre for conducting refresher courses for them in each year or in every two years. May I know whether there is any such centre in the district of Malabar and, if so, where it is?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I would like to have notice.

Construction of a concrete bridge across the Kavvai river in North Malabar

* 216 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a resolution passed at a public meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. P. Krishnan, Subdivisional Officer, Payyanur, in June 1956, requesting them to include the construction of a concrete bridge across the river Kavvai in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The petition was sent to the Chief Engineer (Highways). The Chief Engineer has reported that the work is not included in the Second Five-Year Plan.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, if the scheme has not been included in the Second Five-Year Plan, may I know whether the project will be completed by any other means?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : Sir, the project mentioned here is in a panchayat area. The panchayat must take interest in the construction of the bridge. The Government have nothing to do, but if the panchayat sends in an application, the Government will consider it.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, are the Government aware that the Panchayat Board has also sent representation to the Government and what steps have the Government taken on the resolution sent by the panchayat?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The Government have not received any resolution from the panchayat.

Construction of a naval base at Tuticorin

* 217 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Centre for the construction of a naval base in the name of Chidambaram Pillai at Tuticorin under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.